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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH TRIPOLI (REF D) THAT INITIAL ARNA COMMENTS PROBABLY WERE BASED ON LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON REPORTS OF U.S. NEWSPAPERS BRIEF PLAY OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S JUNE 13 STATEMENTS. BY JUNE 14 INFORMAL TRANSCRIPT WAS OUT, FINAL VERSION OF WHICH REPORTED REF A. IT APPEARS THAT LATER, MORE CRITICAL ARNA REACTION TO U.S. ATTITUDE ON BILATERAL RELATIONS (REF D) WAS RESULT OF MORE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT SPOKESMAN ACTUALLY SAID.

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2. WE DO NOT HAVE UPDATE ON STATUS OF U.S.-LIBYAN RELATIONS TO REPORT. REASSESSMENT OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH LIBYA IS UNDERWAY AS REQUIRED BY SENSE OF SENATE RESOLUTION BUT NOT YET READY FOR REVIEW BY 7TH FLOOR PRINCIPALS. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. VANCE

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